

Guardian to file final account and be discharged, when

Petition to be filed.  
Act to be construed liberally.

Applicable only to beneficiaries of Bureau.  
Invalid parts of act not to effect valid parts.

Conflicting laws repealed.

custody of the veteran so committed. Notice of such pending proceedings shall be furnished the person to be committed and his right to appear and defend shall not be denied.

SEC. 17. When a minor ward for whom a guardian has been appointed under the provisions of this act or other laws of this state shall have attained his or her majority, and if incompetent shall be declared competent by the Bureau and the court, and when any incompetent ward, not a minor, shall be declared competent by said Bureau and the court, the guardian shall upon making a satisfactory accounting be discharged upon a petition filed for that purpose.

SEC. 18. This act shall be construed liberally to secure the beneficial intents and purposes thereof and shall apply only to beneficiaries of the Bureau.

SEC. 19. The invalidity of any portion of this act shall not affect the validity of any other portion thereof which can be given effect without such invalid part.

SEC. 20. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 21. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 18th day of February, A. D. 1929.

## CHAPTER 34

### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STERILIZATION OF THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AND FEEBLE-MINDED INMATES OF CHARITABLE AND PENAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

Sterilization of mentally defective and feeble-minded inmates of state institutions.

SECTION 1. The governing body or responsible head of any penal or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by the State of North Carolina, or any sub-division thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary operation for asexualization or sterilization performed upon any mentally defective or feeble-minded inmate or patient thereof, as may be considered best in the interest of the mental, moral or physical improvement of the patient or inmate, or for the public good.

County to have charge of sterilization of such residents in said county, not in state institutions.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of any county of North Carolina, at the public cost and expense, to have the operation performed upon any mentally defective or feeble-minded resident of the county, not an inmate of any public institution, upon the petition and request of the next kin or legal guardian of such mentally defective person: Provided,

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